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Janice Miller Demonstrates Folk Painting at Kentucky Artisan Center

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Sept. 27, Janice Miller, of Wilmore, will demonstrate folk painting with acrylics from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Miller grew up on a farm in Kentucky, where her family raised all their own food. She helped tend and raise many of the animals that today are the subjects and inspiration for many of her paintings.

Whenever her creative family members would gather, they would talk and visit while doing handwork, sewing and quilting. As a young child, Miller learned from her aunt how to make hooked rugs, eventually learning how to sew and to quilt – but painting remained her creative preference.

While Miller has had no formal art training, her family encouraged her. Today, she paints on recycled materials and on Masonite, an affordable hardboard material that she can cut to fit any size frame.

Miller coats the Masonite with a clear coat to allow the earthy brown surface color to show through before she applies acrylic paint. She finishes her paintings with a top coat of varnish to seal the painting.

“Artists learn in clusters and create in solitude,” Miller said. “I look to my surroundings for much of my subject matter.”

Paintings by Miller are regularly available at the center, located just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center’s exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A gallery exhibit, “Put a Lid on It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans,” is on display through Feb. 28, 2015; and in the lobby, “Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration,” is on display through Nov. 16. For information about the center’s events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center’s website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

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Janice Miller demonstrates folk art painting; “Rooster” and “Spotted Cow” paintings by Janice Miller